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THE HEDGEHOG™



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## SHINOBI!

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**& HIS SKY  
PIRATES!**

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# CONTROL Zone



Your online guide to the sensational world of Sega and Sonic The Comic. Hosted by Megadroid.

## Welcome Screen

Hey, Boomers!

As we tune into another exciting issue, spare a thought for STC's news droid, currently recharging in hospital after short circuiting his fuse. It's unfortunate that you humes take longer to mend than robots, otherwise I'd have referred him to Quick Fit!

On the stories front, there are three to keep you entertained, starting with **Sonic in Mystery of The Sandopolis Zone**. There's the swash-buckling new series, **Captain Plunder and His Sky Pirates**. Also, fans of **Shinobi** are in for a double-karate treat as there's action from the orient in **Power of the Elements**, plus the **Graphic Zone** pays tribute to the mighty warrior.

All's about to change again as **Sonic's World** heads for the exit (for now) in the conclusion to **Enter the Cybernik**. However, the big thaw begins next issue when **Tails** stars in **Zonerunner 2** and **The Big Freeze**. Finally, to keep you going till issue 48, turn to the back page for a chillingly good pin-up of **Tails**. Coo-eh!

*Megadroid*

## HANDY HUMES!

Judging by these photos, there are some incredibly crafty mothers out there extending their talents to Sonic and Co.



↑ Sarah & Timothy Williamson, Loughborough, Leics. MD owners. Sonic Badge Winners.



↑ Richard Brookes, Willsbridge, Bristol. MD owner. Sonic Badge Winner.

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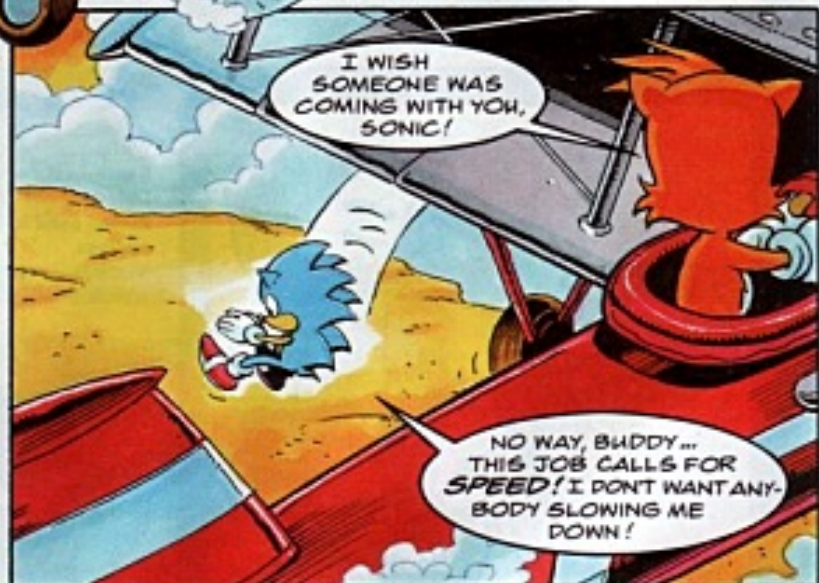


# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

## Mystery of the Sandopolis Zone PART 1

Script:  
Nigel Kitching  
Art:  
Richard Elson  
Lettering:  
Ellie de' Ville







IF FORKER LEWIS IS RIGHT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A GOOD VIEW FROM SOMEWHERE OVER HERE!



AND THERE IT IS... THE DEATH EGG!

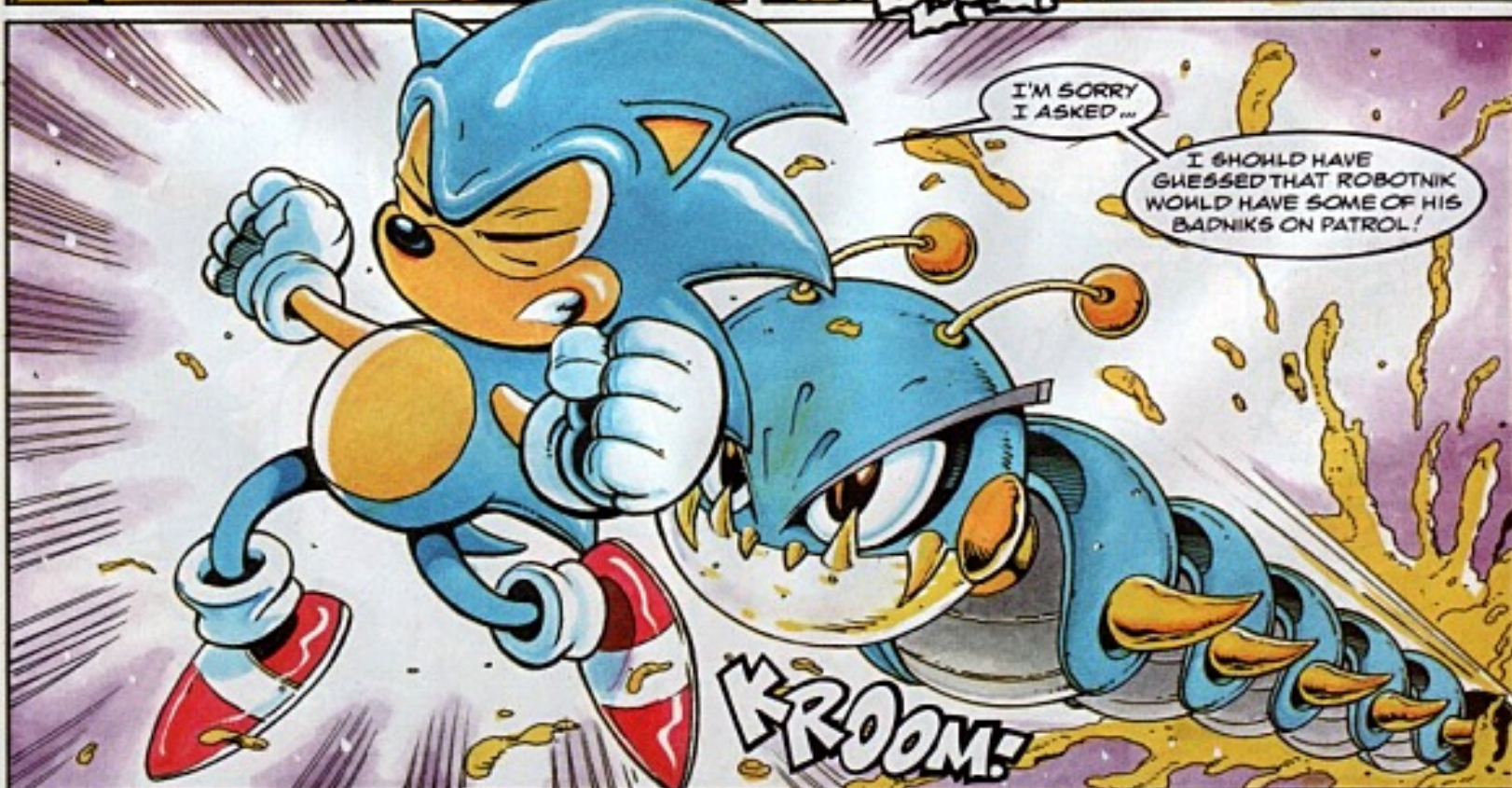
BOY, THAT THING SURE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!



I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!



HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

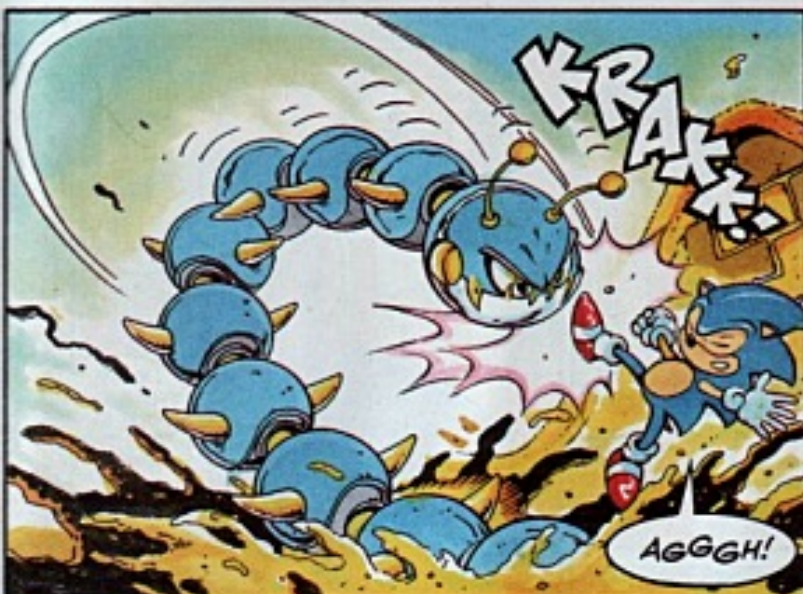


I'M SORRY I ASKED...

I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT ROBOTNIK WOULD HAVE SOME OF HIS BADNIKS ON PATROL!

KROOM!

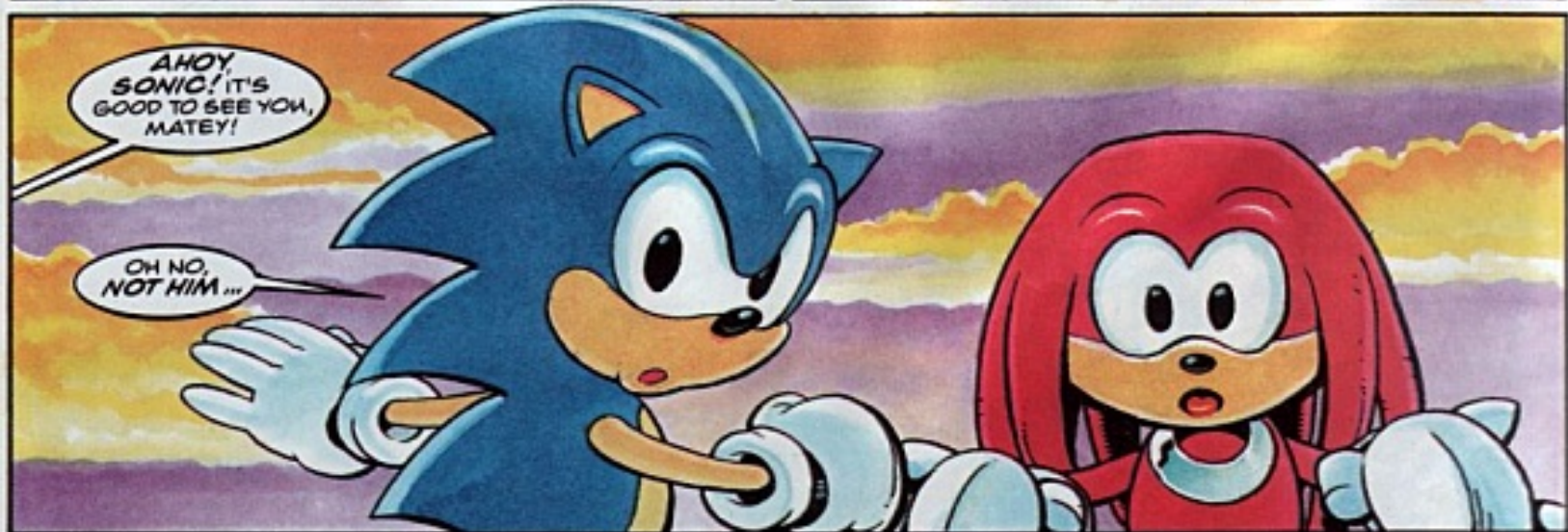
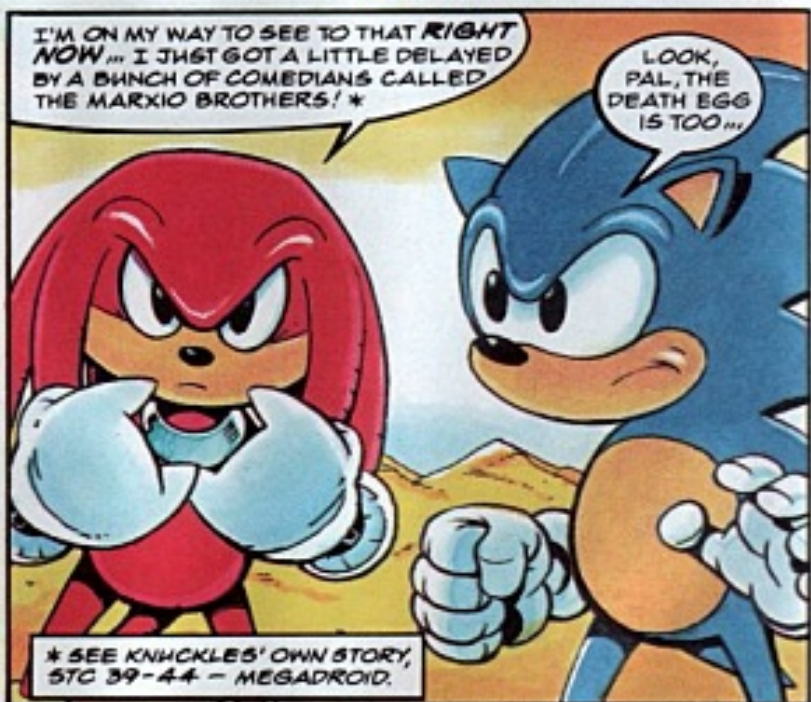
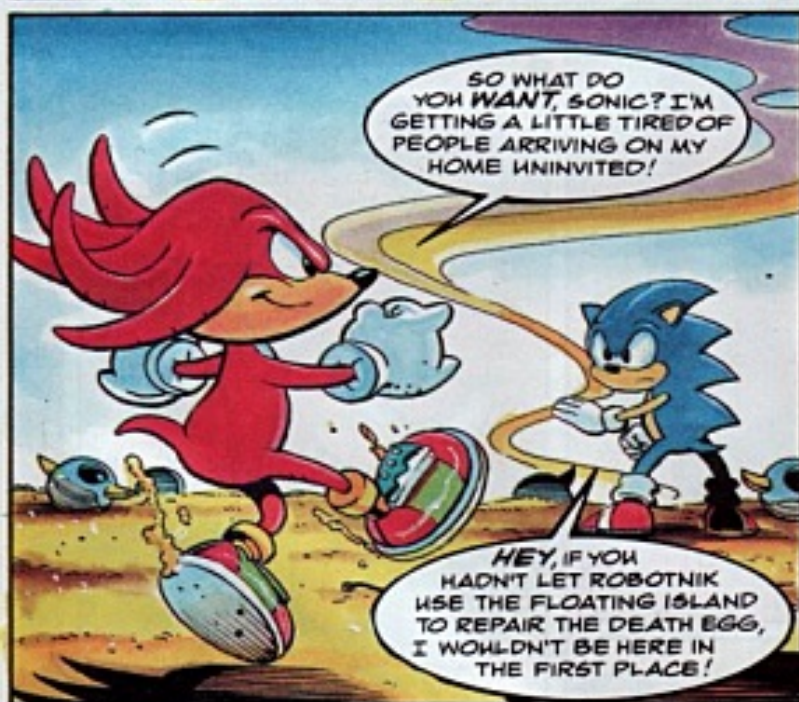
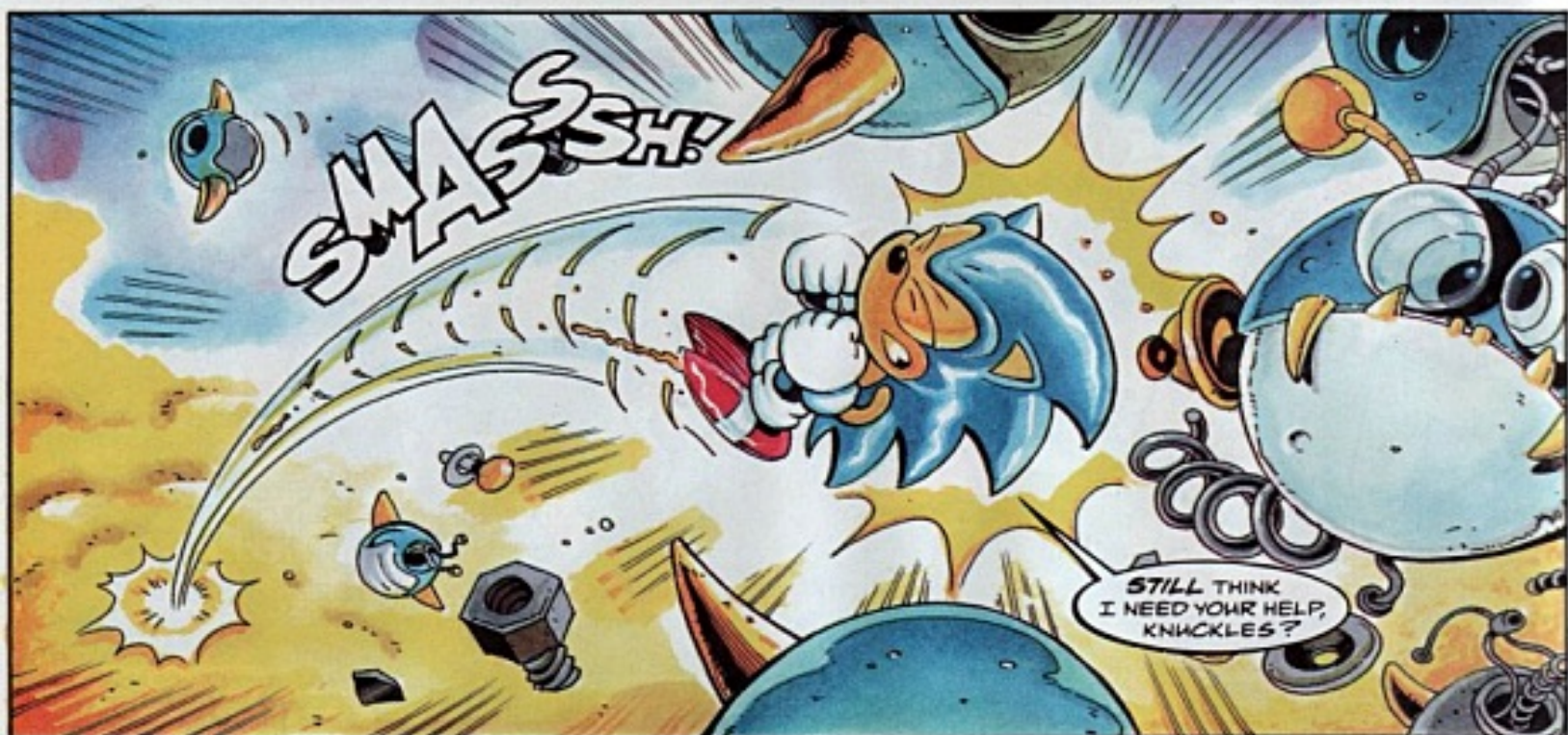




\* SEE STC 42 - MEGADROID









IT'S CAPTAIN  
PLUNDER!\*

IF I DIDN'T  
KNOW BETTER I'D THINK  
'EE WEREN'T PLEASED TO SEE  
ME, OLD CHUM!

\* SEE STC 23-25 FOR THE  
GOOD CAPTAIN'S PREVIOUS  
APPEARANCES - MD.

SONIC, DO  
YOU KNOW THESE  
PEOPLE?

LOOK, WHY DON'T  
YOU JUST INVITE EVERY-  
ONE FROM MOBIUS TO COME TO  
THE FLOATING ISLAND? DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT ME, IT'S ONLY  
MY HOME!

CAPTAIN,  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?

TREASURE,  
LAD!

PER'FESSOR,  
FETCH THE MAP!











NEXT ISSUE: THE CURSE!



# REVIEW

## Zone

Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega game systems.

Reviewer:  
David Gibbon



Mega CD

### B.C. RACERS

game type: RACING  
1-2 PLAYERS

Here's another game to put you in the fast lane. **B.C. Racers** is the latest Mega-CD release from Core Design - the most prolific Mega-CD publishers around. The story goes that Millionaire playboy Millstone Rockafella arranges a wild 'n' wacky BC bike race, the winner of which receives the Ultimate Boulderdash Bike!

**B.C. Racers** is set in Fred Flintstone-time (lots of rocks and dinosaurs). Played over 32 tracks, the game also features no less than eight types of 3D terrain (ranging from night through to the chilly snow-blizzard course). Each one of the 32 tracks are texture-mapped in 3D and the whole thing plays in a similar fashion to Nintendo's *Super Mario Kart*.



#### RATING SYSTEM

under 40% = Yawnsville  
40 - 70% = Normalville

70 - 80% = Fun City  
80 - 90% = Big Time City  
Over 90% = Mega City

At the start of the game you're asked to select from one of six bikes. Each one carries two characters and each have their own attributes. All of the characters also carry a weapon which can be used to knock off an opponent during a race - very handy indeed!

Nitros can be found during a race to boost your vehicle, which is highly necessary as your bike goes real s-l-o-o-o-w. This makes the game very hard indeed. Even I haven't reached first place position yet!

**B.C. Racers** does have a two-player option, although you're unable to race against one other. Instead, one of you steers while the other sits in the side car and leans into corners etc. Shame, because a real two-player race would have made it real fun.

**B.C. Racers** is an enjoyable racing game to start with, but ... unfortunately, it contains too many downers to give it a really unbeatable score.



FAST FAX	
PUBLISHER CORE DESIGN	PRICE £44.99
GRAPHICS .....87	
SOUND .....80	
PLAYABILITY .....78	
RAVES An enjoyable racer with an impressive cartoon intro.	GRAVES Too hard, no real two-player option, occasional fuzzy graphics.
OVERALL	79%





# POWER DRIVE

game type: RACING  
1 PLAYER



A great number of car racing games have been released over the past year, including the excellent *Virtua Racing Deluxe* and *Micro Machines 2*. However, few of them have been based around the dangerous world of rally driving. *Power Drive* is one such title that attempts to recreate

the hazards and pitfalls of one of motoring's most dangerous sports.

Played from a top-side perspective, *Power Drive* takes you across eight international locations from Monte Carlo and Sweden to Britain. Each one has its own driving conditions; i.e., Australia has a hot and humid climate with a sandy track. Also, with a total of 48 races in the game there's more than enough to keep even the most race-hungry driver happy.

At the start of the game you're given a spending budget of \$28,000. Using this cash you must purchase one of the two cars on offer from Group N, which includes a Mini and Fiat Turbo. From there, it's off to the first race. You'll soon discover that it's quite difficult to control your car. The first few times you play you may find the car crashing into the sides of the road etc., but once mastered, steering becomes second nature. As this is a rally car, you'll need to learn how to perform handbrake turns and power slides.

*Power Drive* is a fun and playable driving sim, but it does have some drawbacks. Most of the races are against the clock, and the race

that does feature opposition only has one computer car. On top of that, there is no real two-player option. You can actually have between two to eight players, but not at the same time. *Power Drive* is a good driving sim, but lacks the fun of *Micro Machines 2*.



## FAST FAX

PUBLISHER US GOLD	PRICE £44.99
GRAPHICS	
..... 80	
SOUND	
..... 73	
PLAYABILITY	
..... 83	
RAVES: Enjoyable driving sim with good graphics.	GRAVES: Less fun and playability than the likes of <i>Micro Machines 2</i> .
OVERALL	81%



TOKYO, 10.47PM, 13TH OCTOBER 1994.

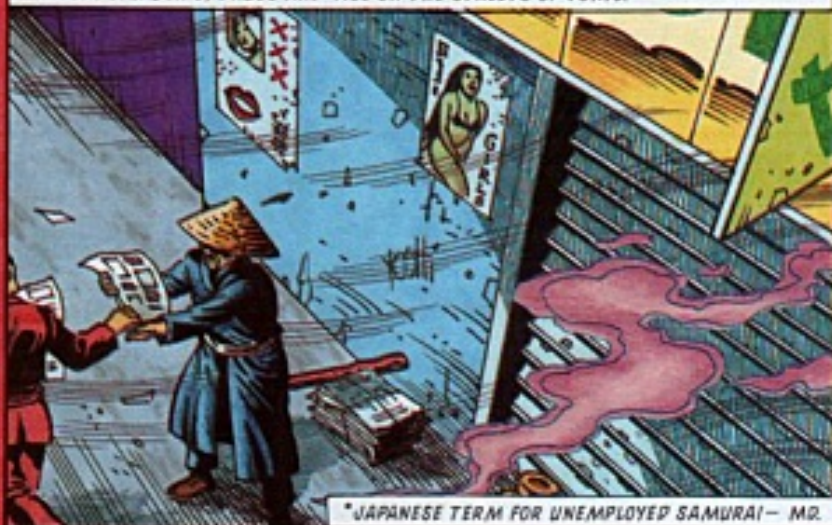
THE SHINOBI, JOE MUSASHI, HAS BATTLED AND DEFEATED THE VOID,\* TOP ASSASSIN OF THE NEO ZEP, A CRIMINAL ORGANISATION WHOSE TENTACLES REACH INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE JAPANESE BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT WORLDS.



\*SEE THE SONIC THE POSTER MAG No 4 - MEGADROID.

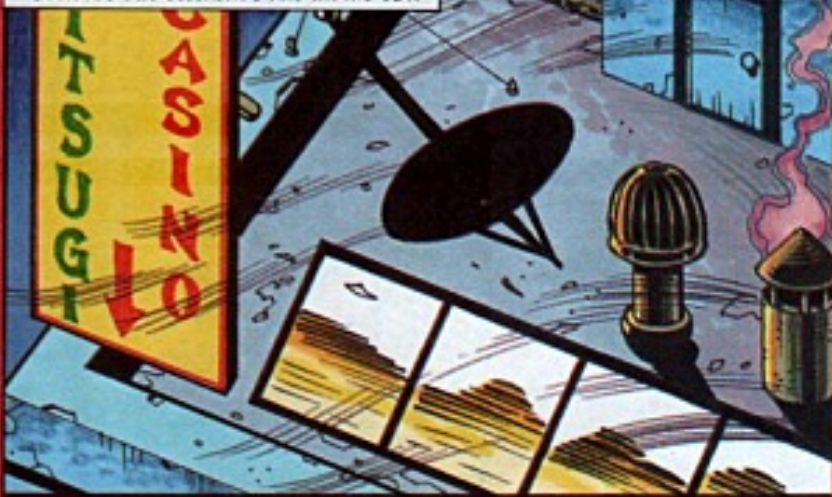


NOW MASTERLESS, OR RONIN\*, THE SERVANTS OF THE VOID, THE FOUR ELEMENTS, ARE WORKING FOR THE JAPANESE YAKUZA, A CRIMINAL ORGANISATION CONTROLLING ILLEGAL GAMBLING, DRUGS AND VICE ON THE STREETS OF TOKYO.

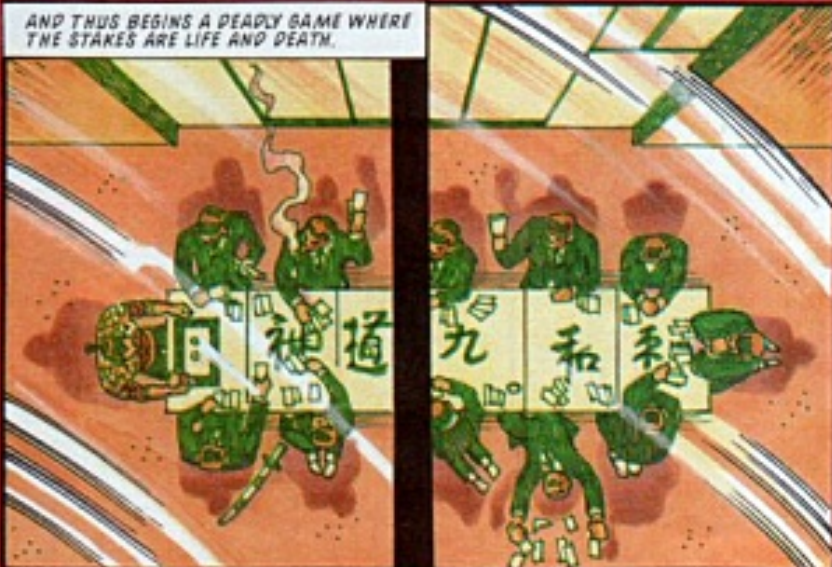


\*JAPANESE TERM FOR UNEMPLOYED SAMURAI - MO.

JOE MUSASHI IS TRACKING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE FOUR ELEMENT ASSASSINS THROUGH THE JAPANESE UNDERWORLD AND HAS COME TO THIS CASINO WHERE HE BELIEVES THE ELEMENTS ARE HIDING OUT.



AND THUS BEGINS A DEADLY GAME WHERE THE STAKES ARE LIFE AND DEATH.





NO MORE  
BETS.

**NEW  
SERIES**

# Shinobi.....

**POWER OF THE ELEMENTS PART 1**

Script: ALAN MCKENNE Art: JON HAYWARD Lettering: TOM FENNE





\*WAKUZA TERM FOR "BOSS".



AT FIRST WE PRESUMED THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE YOUR SECURITY WAS SO EFFICIENT THAT OUR TALENTS WERE UNNECESSARY. . .

HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO YOUR GUARDS, JOE MUSASHI, A NINJA OF SOME ABILITY WHO GAVE US PROBLEMS WHEN WE SERVED THE NEO ZEP, IS WATCHING THIS CASINO.

HE IS CLUMSILY DISGUISED AS A NEWS VENDOR, YET YOUR MEN FAILED TO DISCERN HIS IDENTITY.

WE ARE BEGINNING TO THINK THE YAKUSA IS NOT THE RUTHLESS ORGANISATION THAT WE HAD HEARD.

DOGS!

STOP!

YOU MAY BE RIGHT. I'LL GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR ABILITIES. BRING ME THIS JOE MUSASHI. I WOULD SPEAK WITH HIM.

AND HERE—  
TAKE THESE  
WITH YOU.

THANK YOU,  
OYASUN.

YOU ARE . . . MOST  
CONSIDERATE.



HIS NAME IS JOE MUSASHI AND HE IS SHINOBI. HE HAS TRACKED HIS MORTAL ENEMIES THE FOUR ELEMENTS TO THIS CASINO. THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY YAKUZA SOLDIERS INSIDE TO MAKE ANY KIND OF MOVE.



\*JAPANESE FOR "MASKED ONE".



HIS KEEN EARS LISTEN FOR ANY SIGNS OF MOVEMENT FROM INSIDE THE BUILDING.



BUT IT'S AN ALTOGETHER MORE FAMILIAR, AND MORE DEADLY SOUND HE HEARS.

THWIP!



AIR!

FOOL!

THWAPP!

WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT YOU FROM THE MOMENT YOU ARRIVED.

WAKK!



HE IS UNCONSCIOUS. TAKE HIM TO YOUR LEADER!



NEXT ISSUE: INTERVIEW WITH THE YAKUZA.



# Graphic Zone

Such is the excitement surrounding the new **Shinobi** series, that STC has dedicated a special scribbling section in its honour. As usual, the Boomers behind the artwork will each receive an original, STC badge, not seen since issue 2!

*She-nobil*

Carol Morgan,  
Powys, Wales.  
MD owner.  
Sonic Badge Winner.



Ah-So...nic!



Erik Rutterford, London.  
MD owner.  
Sonic Badge Winner.



← Recognise the man behind the mask?

← Satnam Chima,  
Birmingham.  
MD and MS  
owner.  
Sonic Badge  
Winner.



↓ Samuel Compagnoni, Tenerife.  
Sonic Badge Winner.

Out-foxing the  
opposition!



Sonic kicks into action!



Please send in name & address.  
Sonic Badge Winner.

**Sonic LEE**  
IN



Robert Evans,  
Bickley, Kent.  
Sonic Badge Winner.

**DRAGHOG**

Ninja Knuckles!



Martin Davies, Brigend, Wales.  
MD owner.  
Sonic Badge Winner.



# SONIC'S WORLD

## Enter the Cybernik Part 3

Script: Lew Stringer  
Art: Roberto Corona  
and John M. Burns  
Lettering: Steve Potter

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS TURNED EMERALD HILL ZONE RESIDENT SHORTY INTO A NEW SUPER-BADNIK CALLED THE CYBERNIK! BUT THE PROCESS WENT WRONG AND THE CYBERNIK HAS A FREE MIND AND HAS TURNED AGAINST ROBOTNIK!

HOW DARE THE CYBERNIK DISOBEY ME! I WILL DESTROY HIM!

OOH, I AM SO ANGRY!

THANKS FOR FREEING US FROM THE BADNIK SHELLS, SHORTY! MAYBE WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET YOU OUT OF THAT ARMOUR!

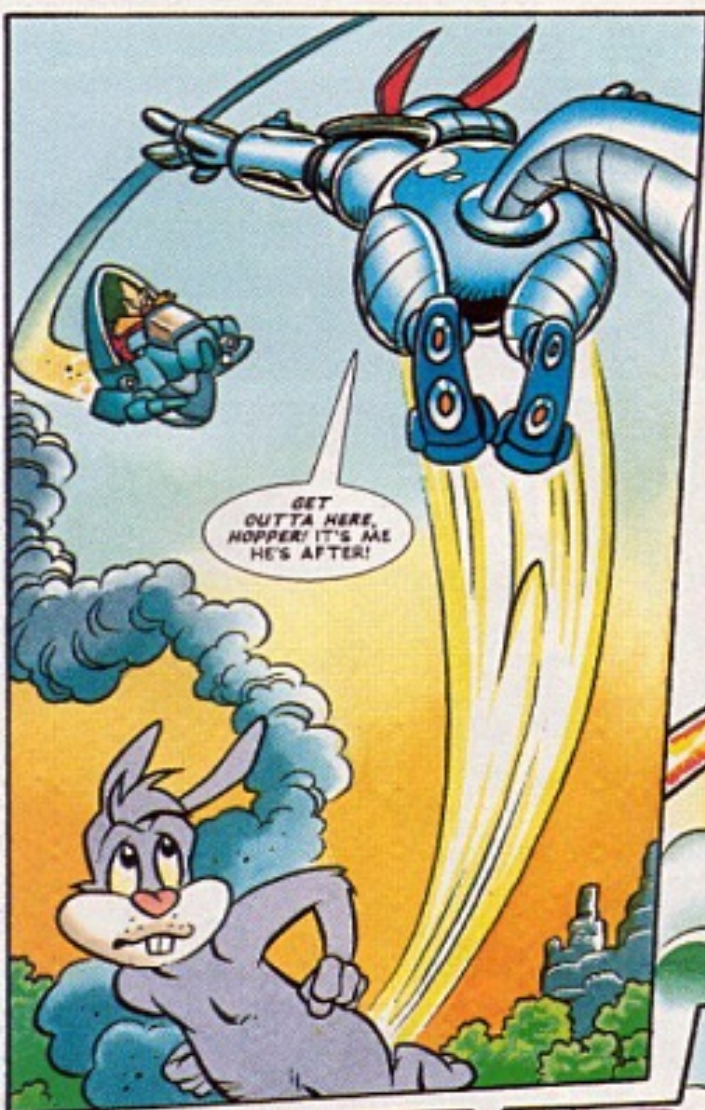
FORGET IT, HOPPER! ROBOTNIK SEALED ME IN THIS SUIT PERMANENTLY...

AND THAT'S SOMETHING HE'S GONNA REGRET BIG TIME!

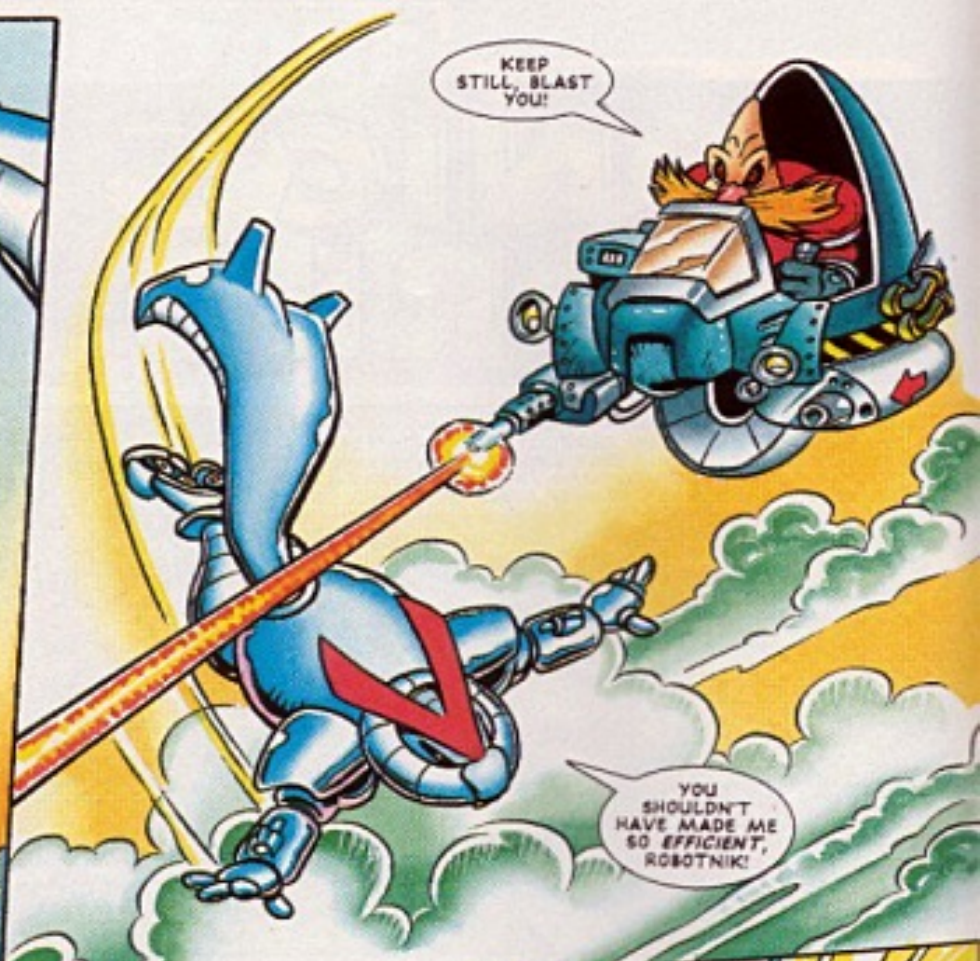
THAT'S BIG TALK FROM A DEFECT! WE'LL SEE WHO HAS THE REGRETS!

BWHAMMM!



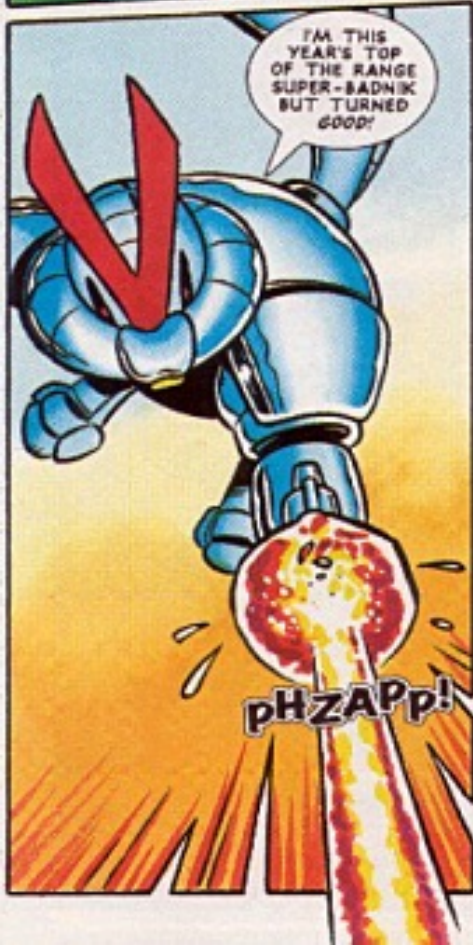


GET  
OUTTA HERE,  
HOPPER! IT'S ME  
HE'S AFTER!



KEEP  
STILL, BLAST  
YOU!

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE MADE ME  
SO EFFICIENT,  
ROBOTNIK!



I'M THIS  
YEAR'S TOP  
OF THE RANGE  
SUPER-BADNIK  
BUT TURNED  
GOOD!

pH ZAPP!



EVERY  
ZONE SHOULD  
HAVE ONE!

I THINK  
NOT!

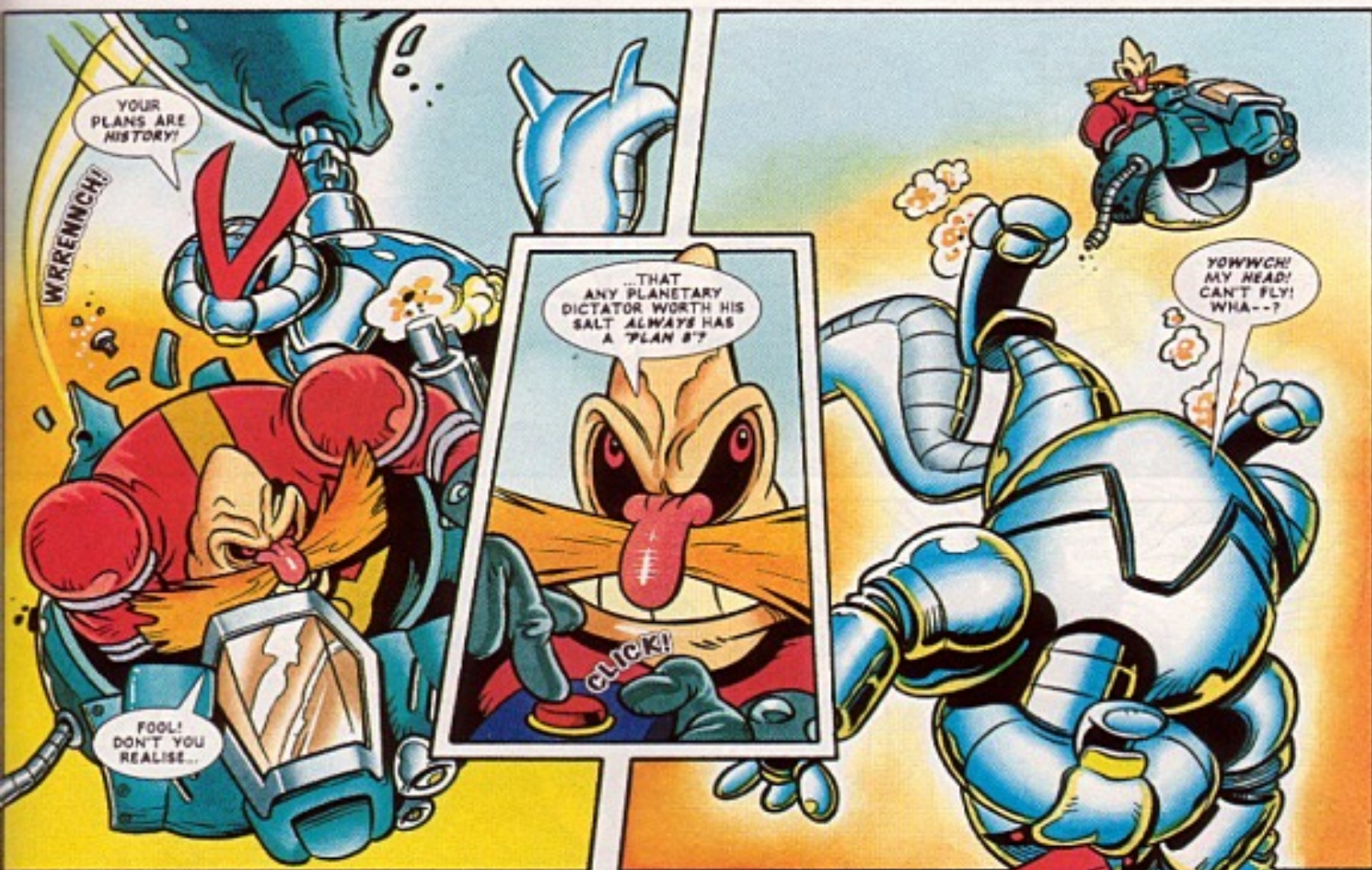
KDA  
SHH!



FACE IT,  
ROBOTNIK! I'M  
YOUR WORST  
NIGHTMARE...

...THE  
BADNIK  
YOU SHOULD  
NEVER HAVE  
CREATED!



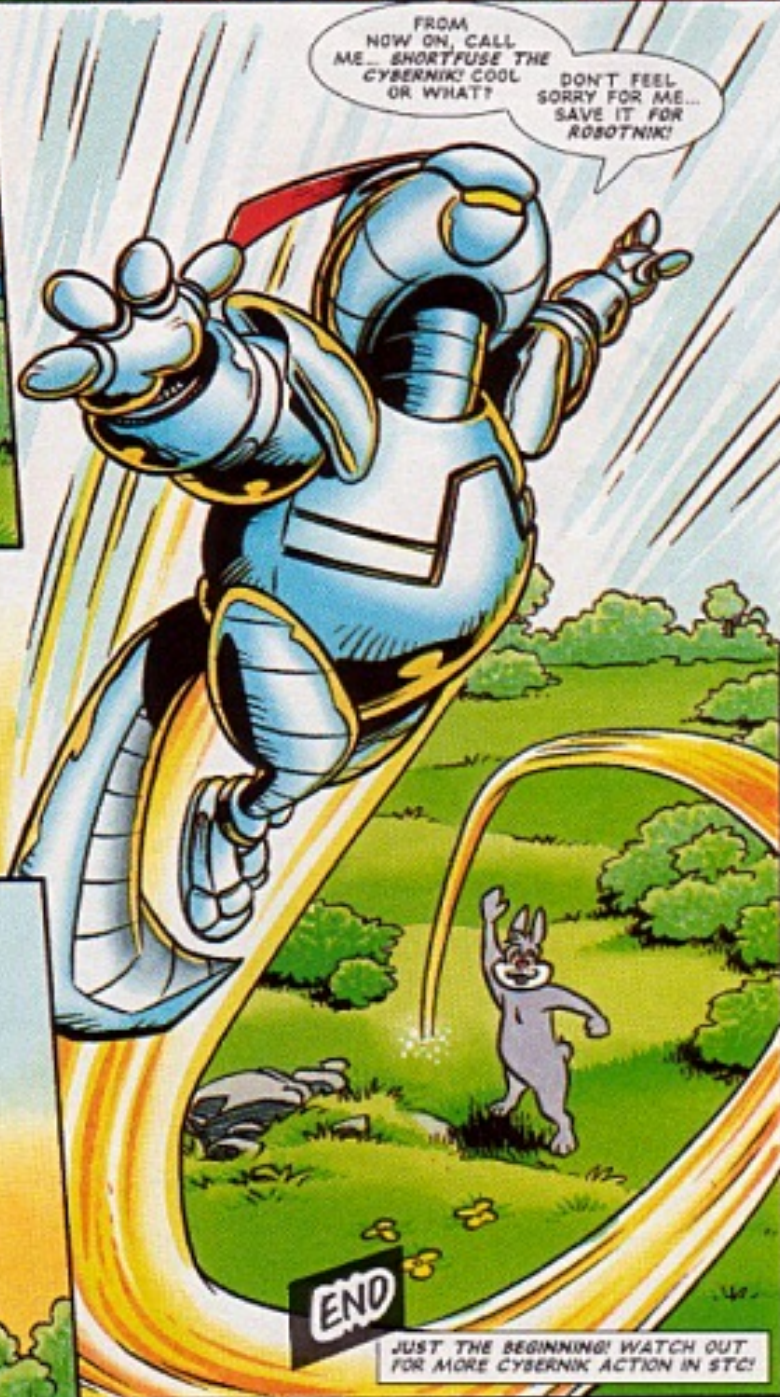
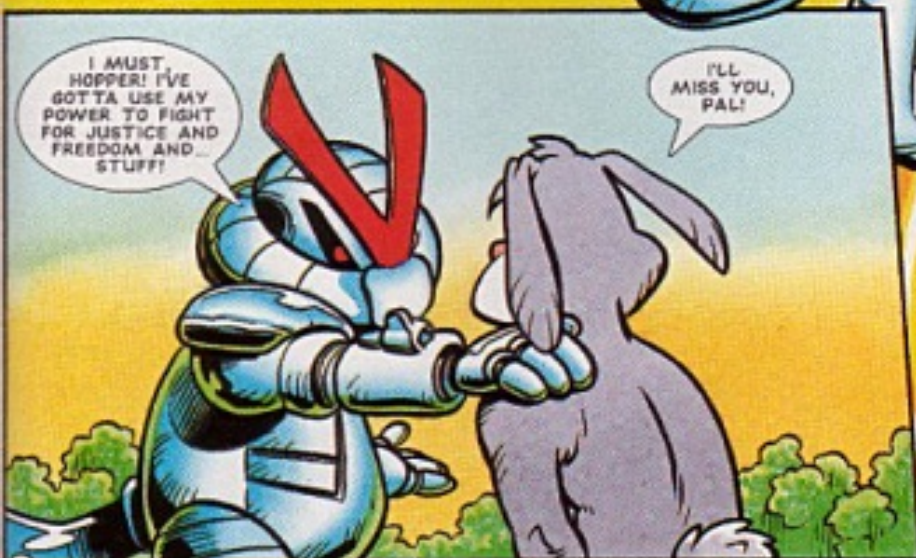
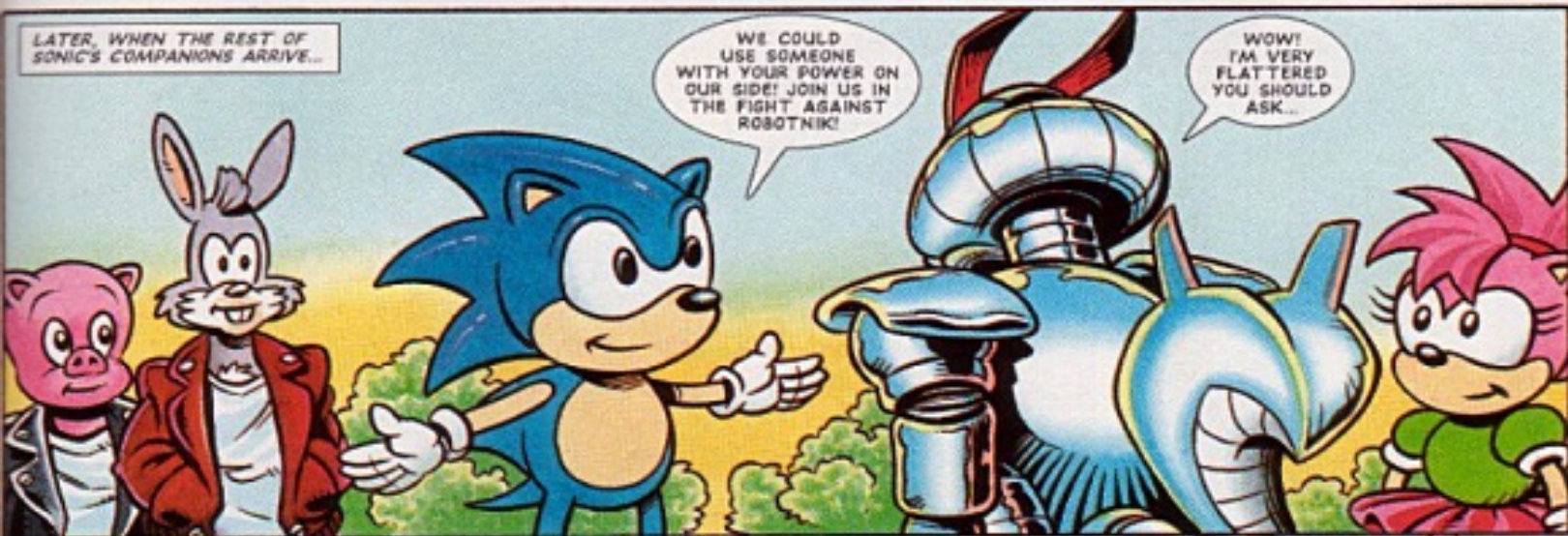








LATER, WHEN THE REST OF SONIC'S COMPANIONS ARRIVE...





# Q Zone

**Q** is for Question.

**Q** is for Query.

**Q** is for Quandary.

Enter the **Q** Zone for hints, tips, and help with your favourite Sega games.



**APE:** Dodge his fire by jumping in the air. Then when he has his back to you, jump on his head. He'll run a bit further up the level, so chase him and repeat these actions. When you reach the top, you'll have completed the level!

## LION KING SPECIAL Part 2

MEGA DRIVE



### SIMBA'S DESTINY - LEVEL SEVEN

It's quite easy to get lost on this level, so follow these directions and you should be okay. Start by going left, up, right, up, left, down, right, cut rock from vine, down, left, cut rock from vine, left, up, right, up, left, down, right, down, cut rock from vine, left, up, right, up, cut rock from vine, left, up, left and down to end.

#### HAZARDS

**CHEETAHS:** As well as the odd single cheetah, many are hidden together behind vines. The easiest way to kill them is to keep mauling them by holding down the B button.

### HAKUNA MATATA - LEVEL SIX

Go right and allow the water chute to take you. Head right, then up. Once at the very top, head right and then allow yourself to be carried down by another water chute. At the bottom, stand to the right of the platform and wait for some logs to appear in the lake. Hop across these, then up the waterfall. Once you reach the top, go right and down another water chute, then head right to meet an ape!

#### HAZARDS

**WATERFALL:** Probably one of the most difficult parts of the whole game. Start by jumping onto the far-left log as this moves down the slowest. Once here, hop higher on some of the other logs, but try and get back to a log on the far-left. Keep doing this to eventually reach the top.



**ROCKS:** A major problem on this level. Any rocks that are not being held up by vines means they are about to chase after you, so run like mad! Rocks that are held by vines **MUST** be cut down. Do this by standing close to the top and mauling the vine by pressing B.

**DEAD-END VINES:** Placed throughout this level, these stop





you from progressing any further. Press the B button to destroy the vine. Even if there is another way you can go, always take this route whenever available.

### BE PREPARED - LEVEL EIGHT

Head right until you come to the end. Jump up and hit the loose piece of cave directly above your head. This will cause it to eventually fall, thus creating another exit (make sure you don't stand underneath it when it falls!). Now, while on the raft, you'll meet three platforms which you need to climb on. On the first run like mad to meet up with the raft again; on the second take your time, but watch out for the rolling rock; while the third is near the end. Once there, head left and wait for a cap to cover one of the erupting lava fountains, then climb on top to win.

#### HAZARDS

**LAVA** - The two types of Lava to avoid on this level are:-

1. **Dripping Lava** - Don't stand around too long on the top section, otherwise a drop of hot lava will hit you.
2. **Rising Lava** - Found across the top section, these will erupt every few seconds. Wait next to them. As soon as the lava disappears, get past as quickly as possible.

**BATS:** These fly into you from all angles, losing you energy. As soon as they appear, kill them before progressing any further, otherwise they'll attack you continuously!

### SIMBA'S RETURN - LEVEL NINE

This level is basically a maze of caves in which it's very easy to get lost, so follow these directions to find out

which caves you should go through:  
1: far-right, 2: far-right, 3: far-right, 4: very top, 5: top-left, 6: far-right and 7: top-left.  
Now, walk right to end.

### PRIDE ROCK - LEVEL TEN

Start by defeating Scar, then head left. Swing past the hands, then up and right. Climb to the top, then head right over more handles. Climb to the very top to take on Scar again. Head right to the end, then climb up the vertical wall. Head left, then get to the very top by jumping from platform to platform. Once there, you'll face your final battle to become **The Lion King!**

#### HAZARDS

**FIRE:** You'll need to go fast around this level, otherwise you'll have some fierce fire to contend with. If you're stuck on a platform because the next one along is on fire, move off the screen, then come back and the fire should have gone!

**SCAR:** A fight with Scar will take place three times during this level. After each fight he'll become stronger and will require more hits to defeat him. To kill him, keep pressing B to maul. If, however, you're near a cliff edge, try and throw him over. You do this by moving close to Scar and pressing Down, B and C simultaneously (this is a very difficult move to perfect, but works very well).



#### TOP TIPS

1. Before starting to play, go to the options screen and select the Easy level. Not only will the game be just that, but you'll also get eight lives to play with.
2. Make sure you catch next issue's **Q Zone**, which includes an extra special treat for all Lion King gamers.



Script & Art:  
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Lettering:  
ELITTA FELL

**NEW**  
SERIES

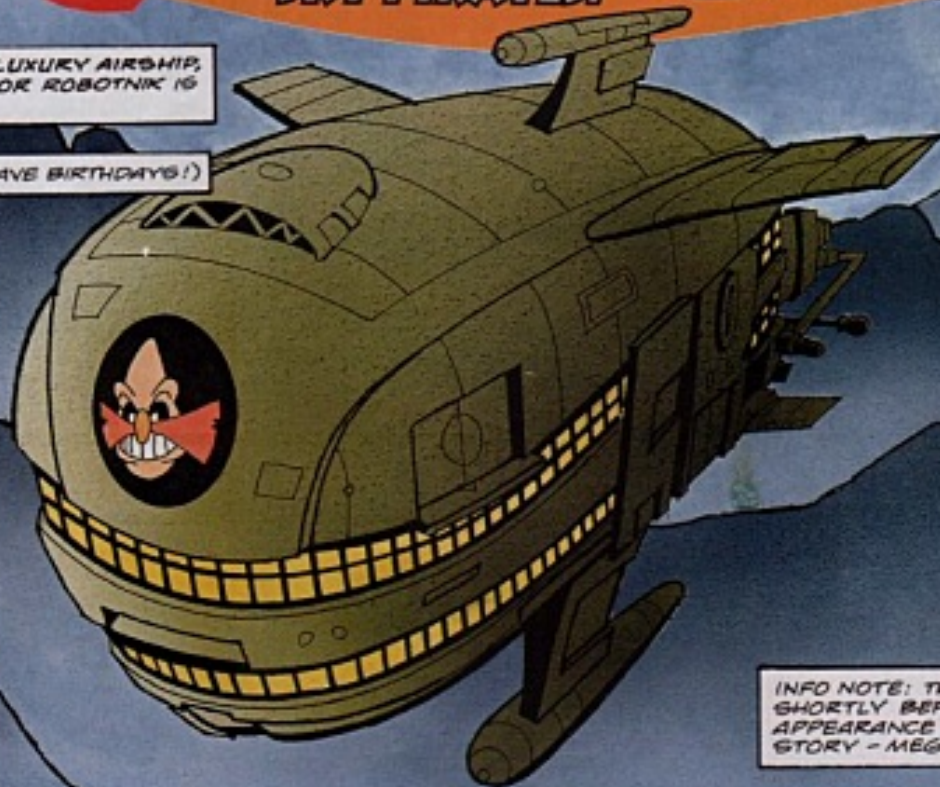
# CAPTAIN Plunder & HIS SKY PIRATES!

PART 1



ON BOARD HIS PERSONAL LUXURY AIRSHIP,  
THE 'ROBOTNICUS', DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS  
THROWING A PARTY.

(EVEN EVIL DICTATORS HAVE BIRTHDAYS!)



INFO NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES PLACE  
SHORTLY BEFORE CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S  
APPEARANCE IN THIS ISSUE'S SONIC  
STORY - MEGADROID.

AND ONCE  
AGAIN, FELLOW FIENDS,  
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!

YOU'RE DOING  
A GREAT JOB, ROBOTNIK.  
MY CHEMICAL PLANT MAKES  
A FORTUNE NOW I DON'T  
HAVE TO PAY MY  
WORKFORCE!



OF COURSE,  
MY BADNIK TROOPERS  
MAKE EXCELLENT SLAVE  
DRIVERS, SO MUCH  
CHEAPER THAN...

**CHUNG!**

WHAT-?



THIS IS MOST  
UNFORTUNATE!

ROBOTNIK,  
YOU SAID NOBODY  
KNEW ABOUT THIS  
TRIP!







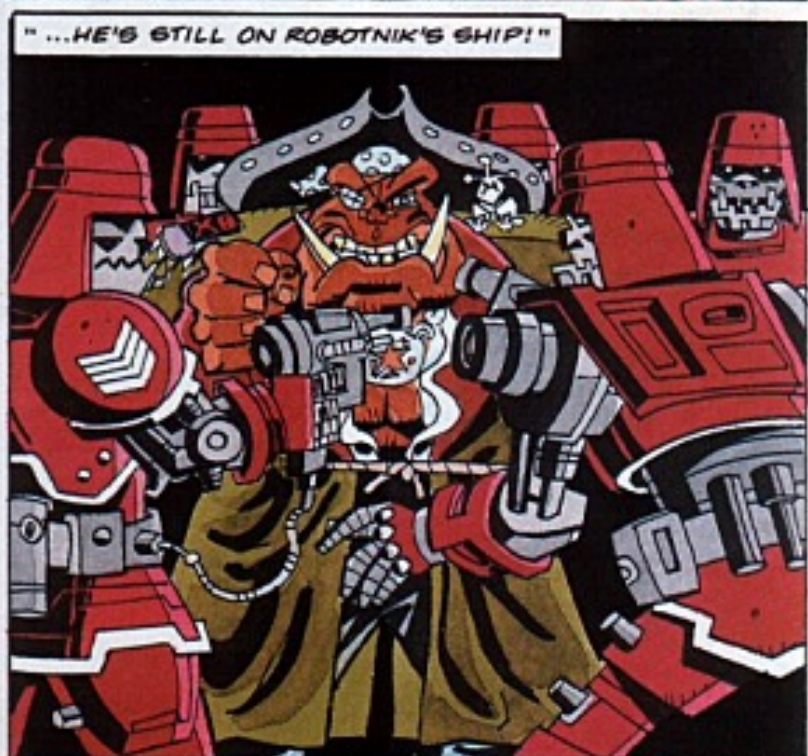
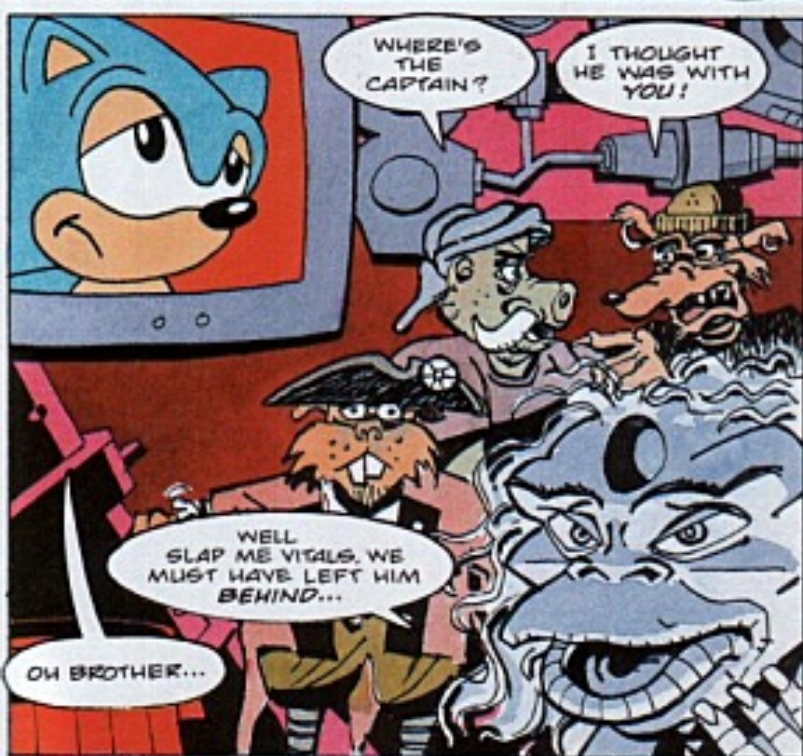












NEXT ISSUE: THE TRIAL OF CAPTAIN PLUNDER!



# SPEEDLINES



Sound off to Megadroid about anything you want to do with STC, Sega or the meaning of life as we know it!

Send your letters and drawings to: Speedlines, Sonic The Comic, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SU.

Write your name, address and Sega system you use (MD, MCD, MS or GG) clearly on your letter or drawing. Every one printed on this page wins a Segasational prize!

Megadroid regrets that drawings cannot be returned or correspondence entered into.



Doctor O'Robotnik sporting his St Patrick's Day outfit!



Daniel Baldwin, Southport, Merseyside.  
MS/MD owner. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

## Bumper Car-Toons!

Dear Megadroid,

Me and my sister really enjoyed STC 41's Bumper Issue. My favourite story was Marko's Magic Football, but my sister preferred Amy. Are there any plans for them to return in the future?

Simon Gentle, Retford, Nottingham.  
MD owner.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



That depends Si, on whether any other like-minded Boomers feel the same as you and your sis. Watch this space!

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## Flint Stoned!

Dear STC,

How can Carl Flint call himself an artist? He makes Sonic and Tails look like infants! You may be sitting in luxury with all that money you're making Carl, but once in a while concentrate on drawing some decent artwork!

'Angry' Kati Mason,  
Leiston, Suffolk.  
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Are all the infants in Suffolk hairy then, 'Angry'? STC rang Droid Flint on his 'mobile', but his personal masseur said he was too busy having his legs waxed to comment.

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SONIC  
THE GREEN  
SPIDER



Mark Eavis, Huntingdon, Cambs. MS owner.  
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

## New Age STC?

Dear Megadroid,

My dad suggested that STC should be put on a cartridge and inserted into a console. This would enable the viewer to listen to a running commentary while watching visuals on the screen at the same time!

Michael Gaye, Rugeley, Staffs.  
MD owner.  
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



I thought that old-type humes were supposed to be baffled by modern technology, Michael?





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What SEGA game would you like to  
see as a STC strip in the future?

I THINK.....

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List your three favourite stories  
in this issue in order of  
preference

1.....

2.....

3.....

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